

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows. Note that all claims currently pending in this application, have been reproduced below for the Examiners convenience.

~~59.~~ (Cancelled).

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~~61.~~ (Cancelled).

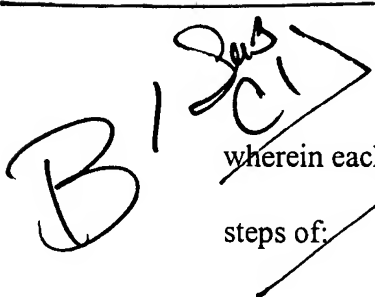
~~62.~~ (Cancelled).

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Please add new Claims 66 to 71.

  
66. (New) A method of providing a plurality of services over a network, wherein each of the services comprises one or more items, said method comprising the steps of:

a service center receiving a service request from a user terminal;

the service center transmitting the service request from the user terminal to a service provider;

wherein the service center stores items and their prices in a first table, stores the service provider for providing a service and a template for showing the one or more items included in the service provided by the service provider in a second table, acquires the prices stored in the first table by referring to the template stored in the second table in accordance with the service request from the user terminal, and calculates the charge of the service on the basis of the acquired prices.

67. (New) A method according to Claim 66, further comprising a step of:

the service center giving a notice of the charge calculated to the user terminal.

68. (New) A system of providing a plurality of services over a network, wherein each of the services comprises one or more items, said system comprising:

a user terminal transmitting a service request to a service center;

the service center transmitting the service request from the user terminal to a service provider;

wherein the service center stores items and their prices in a first table, stores the service provider for providing a service and a template for showing the one or more items included in the service provided by the service provider in a second table, acquires

the prices stored in the first table by referring to the template stored in the second table in accordance with the service request from the user terminal, and calculates the charge of the service on the basis of the acquired prices.

69. (New) A system according to Claim 68, further comprising:  
notification means for giving a notice of the charge calculated.

70. (New) An apparatus for managing a plurality of services provided over a network, wherein each of the service comprises one or more items, said apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a service request from a user terminal;

transmission means for transmitting the service request from the user terminal to a service provider;

first storage means for storing items and their prices;

second storage means for storing the service provider for providing a service and a template for showing the one or more items included in the service provided by the service provider;

acquisition means for acquiring the prices stored in the first table by referring to the template stored in the second storage means in accordance with the service request from the user terminal; and

calculating means for calculating the charge of the service on the basis of the acquired by the acquisition means.

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71. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 70, further comprising:  
notification means for giving a notice of the charge calculated by said

calculating means.

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